

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

### **35 USC 112**

The Office rejected claims 1-12 as being indefinite. The rejection has been rendered moot by cancellation of claims 1 through 12.

### **35 USC 102**

The Office rejected claims 1-10 as being anticipated by Satran et al (U.S. Patent 6,430,183). The rejection has been rendered moot by cancellation of claims 1 -10.

### **35 USC 103**

The Office rejected claims 11 and 12 as being obvious over Satran et al (U.S. Patent 6,430,183) in view of Munshi (U.S. Patent 7,010,590). The rejection has been rendered moot by cancellation of claims 11 and 12.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The office rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas (U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0010618). However, the Office further states that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the allowable elements of previous claim 14. Claim 13 now includes the following limitations:

“...associating a set of source identifiers with the a source system;  
assigning each of the ordered packets a source identifier from the set of source  
identifiers wherein at least two packets of the set are assigned different  
source identifiers; and  
causing the source system to send the packets.”

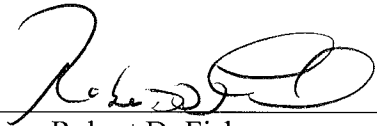
As the Office admits, the prior art fails to teach assigning ordered packets different source identifiers to cause the system to send the packets.

Claim 14 has been canceled in favor of amended claim 13 that includes the claimed elements of previous claim 14.

**Request For Allowance**

Claim 13 is pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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